

# MINUTES OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND DELTA AREA COMMITTEE MARCH 07, 2000

## Welcome and Administrative Remarks

LTJG Gabrielle McGrath, USCG opened by noting that LCDR Pete Gautier, the Coast Guard co-chair of the San Francisco Bay and Delta Area Committee was out of town, and therefore, she would be leading this meeting in his absence. LTJG McGrath introduced Mr. Terry Gitlin and welcomed him to the Committee. Mr. Gitlin represents Alameda County OES and is replacing Mr. Nguu Tran after his years of service with the County.

LTJG McGrath briefed the Committee on the status of the ACP distribution. The Coast Guard will be providing paper copies to the subcommittee chairs to reward them for their efforts throughout the years on the Committee. At the next meeting, compact discs of the plan will be available to all members. For the general public, the ACP is available for download from the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office San Francisco Bay website at <http://www.uscg.mil/d11/msosf>, or it may be purchased from Kinko's copying service on Mount Diablo Boulevard in Walnut Creek, CA.

LTJG McGrath informed the group of a draft instruction prepared by Coast Guard Headquarters that outlines the requirements for an area contingency plan. This instruction is based on our area plan, and thus, there are only a few minor differences between the instruction and what we already have established. One interesting point to note from this instruction is that it requires all area plans throughout the United States to be updated into this format by 2005. Following that revision, it requires a standard three-year revision cycle. LTJG McGrath also noted another product recently distributed from Headquarters, the Coast Guard Area Contingency Plan Template and Management System (ACPTAMS). The ACPTAMS provides a step by step process for creating an ACP from scratch.

LTJG McGrath noted that the San Francisco Bay and Delta Area Committee is responsible for an industry-led PREPEX in the year 2001. She suggested that the committee members begin thinking of a scenario for this exercise with a facility as the responsible party.

LTJG McGrath passed around sign-up sheets for each of the group's subcommittees. The chairs of these subcommittees are as follows:

Geographic Response Plans/Sensitive Sites	Carl Jochums, DFG OSPR
Local Resources	Steve Ricks, Clean Bay Inc.
Volunteers	Nick Salcedo, BCDC
Trajectories	Ted Mar, DFG OSPR
Dispersants	Michael Sowby, DFG OSPR

Ted Mar provided a brief to the Committee on the status of the recently established Trajectory subcommittee. The California Department of Fish and Game, Office of Spill Prevention and Response is looking to the state's area committees to determine what trajectories should be included in the area plan and under what conditions. At this time, OSPR Headquarters is not planning on providing any further guidance. Once the area committees have presented their recommendations, OSPR will determine what will be legal for response plan purposes. A letter will be mailed out by the end of March promulgating exactly what the state headquarters is looking for. The next meeting for this subcommittee will be held from 0900-1200 on April 25, 2000 at Clean Bay Inc. in Concord, CA.

LTJG McGrath then turned the meeting over to the subcommittee chairs for their individual briefs.

1. **SS/GRP (Sensitive Site/Geographic Response Plan).** Carl Jochums stated that the subcommittee will be having a meeting in early April. Otherwise, there was no new information to pass.

2. **Drills and Exercises/Lessons Learned.** Terry Joslin distributed a Year 2000 Proposed Mission for the subcommittee and some Internet information on the CG Standard After Action Information and Lessons Learned System (CG SAILS). He noted that lessons learned are very helpful in planning for future spills and exercises. Terry also mentioned that the EPA has been using NIIMS ICS for inland spills and emergency response exercises.
3. **Local Resources.** Steve Ricks had no recent updates for the Committee.
4. **Volunteers.** Nick Salcedo noted that Joan Lundstrom, BCDC, will be assisting him on the Volunteers subcommittee.

### **Marine Firefighting Plan**

CDR Frank Bateman, USCGR, provided a detailed presentation on the Marine Firefighting Plan. Along with an informed description of the plan, CDR Bateman noted that the plan will soon be converted into an ICS format and placed on the Internet.

### **Other Area Committee Activities**

LTJG McGrath reported on the recent activities of the other area committees in the San Francisco Bay COTP zone. The Central Coast is planning a process exercise involving a tarball incident in Monterey for June 15, 2000 to improve on some of the lessons learned from the September 1999 Oil Spill Exercise. The main objectives for this exercise are to test the interagency coordination and the use of SCAT teams. The North Coast is working on the government-led PREPEX scheduled for December 6, 2000. A team from the National Strike Force Coordination Center will come out from Elizabeth City, NC to assist throughout the planning process.

### **New Business**

Due to the decreased work load of the Committee since the 2000 ACP was complete, LTJG McGrath requested that the group consider ideas for guest speakers to attend the upcoming Committee meetings. Carl Jochums recommended a professor from the University of San Francisco who is conducting studies with the U.S. Geological Service on Suisun Bay.

Heather Parker-Hall, NOAA, noted that the next San Diego Area Committee meeting will be held on March 15. She will be giving a presentation there on the TAP3 program. It was suggested that she provide this presentation to the San Francisco Bay and Delta Area Committee as well.

### **Set next meeting date**

The next meeting will be held at 9:30 AM Tuesday, May 9, 2000 at the Banners Club in Building 18 on Coast Guard Island.